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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives have learned of the pending retirement of one
4 of the State's most respected journalists, admired
5 gubernatorial advisers, and insightful academics, Mike
6 Lawrence; and

7 WHEREAS, While many have been the subject of his
8 commentaries of a somewhat critical nature, it is recognized
9 that Mike Lawrence always grounded his opinions in fact; and

10 WHEREAS, While some occupants of the ivory tower of
11 academia lack real world experiences, Mike Lawrence has toiled
12 as a journalist, first for the Quad City Times, Lee
13 Enterprises, and the Chicago Sun-Times; and

14 WHEREAS, He has learned about politics and government from
15 the inside through his work with former Governor Jim Edgar; and

16 WHEREAS, While with the governor he was known to share his
17 views on journalists and their work in rapid fire, rapid
18 response fashion; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout his career Mike Lawrence was honored by
20 such groups as the Associated Press Editors Association, the

1 Campaign for Political Reform, and his alma mater, Knox
2 College; and

3 WHEREAS, Mike Lawrence is retiring as the Director of the
4 Paul Simon Institute at Southern Illinois
5 University-Carbondale; it is expected that he will remain an
6 active writer and observer of the political scene in Illinois
7 and beyond; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 recognize that the State of Illinois is a better place because
11 of the work of Mike Lawrence, and we extend our best wishes to
12 him on his retirement, and thank him for his many years of
13 outstanding service to the people of the State of Illinois; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Mike Lawrence as a symbol of our respect and
17 esteem.